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Under capitalism everything is for sale that capitalism can lay its hands on.

The Socialist papers of Belgium have begun to expose the immoralities of royalty in that country.

Two Socialist comrades, Becarben and Bear were seated in the Chilean parliament in the recent election.

In Switzerland two daily Socialist papers are soon to appear—The *Berner Tagwacht*, (German) in Bern and the *Peuple* (French) in Geneva.

It is capitalism that pushes vice to the front and seeks to make of it a tolerated commercial asset. Vice spells easy money, and capitalism is always hot on the trail of easy money.

The Social-Democratic Federation, one of the Socialist parties of Great Britain, has dedicated with appropriate ceremonies its new home in Maiden Lane, Strand, London, where headquarters have since been established.

Socialists of Norway are looking forward eagerly to the general election this month. There is universal suffrage—except as to women, whereas in local elections the women are accounted human and can even hold office.

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Perhaps the Czar wishes just now that he had been even a little more strenuous at that Peace Conference at the Hague some time ago. People who did not believe he was honest then must certainly know all about it now.

Having won out in their long fight to get justice for Dreyfuss, which they began to save the republic of France from its royalist and clerical enemies, the Socialists of that country have now again shocked the conservatives by advocating the abolition of the guillotine.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has declared unconstitutional the law passed in 1903 requiring coal mine operators to provide and maintain washrooms outside each mine for the use of employees and for drying their clothes. Why, of course!

Comrade Clayton J. Lamb, who as Socialist national committeeman of Michigan made such a fine record, has been spending some time recently in Kansas. He writes: "The story of Kansas prosperity looks different from a nearer point of view." That's a way "prosperity" has.

"It is the Socialistic laws that have made New Zealand's people the most prosperous on earth," declares Sir Joseph Ward, the new premier of that country. This is cold comfort for the capitalists, for it shows that the Socialist direction is right. The people are taking that direction as far as they are able to, the world over.

The kind of Anarchists whom the people are really worried about are just the kind that the authorities do not care to touch. The recent perverted utterances of Washington officials, coming in this day of rampant corporation anarchism, have a suspicious sound—it looks too much like trying to divert public attention from the real culprits.

The "U. S. Consular Reports" brings news of the entering into of a gentlemen's agreement between the burlap mills in Calcutta, India, by which they will hereafter run only five days a week. For the benefit of labor, say you? Now! The very idea! It's merely to allow the raw rule to collect sufficiently in the market so that "scarcity prices" will not have to be paid for it. Simplest reason in the world.

Good red blood that has flowed in brave bodies still continues to fight the fight of the revolutionaries of that country to throw off governmental oppression. And there seems to be an unending supply of it. Such a struggle wipes out a terrible amount of character that a nation can ill afford to spare. Yet in spite of this who will deny that Russia is gaining by these terrible sacrifices? What a world!

The report of the secretary of the Independent Labor party of Great Britain, which is the principal Socialist party of England, shows a phenomenal growth for the year. That organization has 425 branches in the directory

list, as against 274 in last year's report, an increase of 154. Since the list was compiled, however 30 to 40 new branches have been added. There are 494 members of this party holding office.

Remarkable friendship for organized labor on the part of a capitalist is shown by the will of the late Augustus Pollock, Wheeling, stogie millionaire. He leaves cash and bequests to the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly, to hospitals and educational institutions, so arranged that the Assembly shall have the power to determine who are to be the beneficiaries. About \$25,000 in cash, besides invested securities to an amount unknown, are thus disposed of.

The wholesale resignations recently of the leading writers on *McClure's Magazine*, such as Lincoln Steffens, Ida Tarbell and others, with the announcement that they would start a magazine of their own, is now explained by the fact of the odium that the proprietors of the magazine have been calling down upon themselves by fighting the efforts of the printers to get an eight-hour work-day. It is said the magazine owners have gone over completely to the cause of the Parry-site labor-crushers and the printers and other organized workers are avoiding the magazine on the news stands as if it were a rattlesnake, and their friends are doing likewise.

They can have postal savings banks and a parcels post in England, but you poor Americans cannot have any. Why? Principally because that portion of the capitalist system known as the Banking association and the Express companies, does not want its own business interfered with. It maintains Senator Depew and others in congress to watch and block all legislation looking to government interference with this kind of "legitimate" business. And that's the situation in a nut shell.

In keeping with the unreasonable attitude of the Catholic church toward Socialism the Clerical party (Catholic) of Italy and the moderate liberals (capitalist) have formed an alliance to beat the Socialists. Their expectations however, in the elections just held, were not realized. Only at Milan did they return their candidates with a good majority, (3,000). At Monza, Cremona and Spezia the Socialists beat all comers and achieved a most brilliant victory. Even in Milan Socialist Deputy Turati succeeded in holding his ground against the combine.

A large number of people are in the plight of the poor, simple fellow who was unable to see London because the houses were in the way. Probably a good many, if not the great majority of those Chicagoans who have just been ruined by the rascality of Stensland, the absconding bank president, will see the particular bank and its officers as their enemy and not the system behind the whole system of banking and betrayal of bank trusts. They will mourn and cuss—and then go and plump in a ballot for the capitalist system that has impoverished them the very next chance they get.

For the strife, and heart-aches, and the miseries of the present system in its relation to the lives of the people, many would gladly advocate a different social system if they only had confidence that that system really meant deliverance from their torments. This is the point with many people so far as Socialism is concerned. The only thing to do in such a case is to make an honest investigation. In fact, as a Chicago University professor recently said, it is a disgrace at this stage of the world's enlightenment not to know about Socialism.

Now the capitalist papers are crying out for a name for the kind of "Socialism" that is really municipal ownership, so that the Socialists will not get the credit for it and also that the advocates of municipal ownership will not be embarrassed by being called Socialists.

The idea suits us first rate. If the fear of being called Socialistic is keeping people away from the socializing of municipal utilities, then let a new name be invented. For a greater activity on the socialization proposition means just so much more grief to our will. You are paving the way for us, gentlemen, and you cannot help yourselves!

Union men would do well to write the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor, Boston, for the pamphlet just issued on "The Incorporation of Trades Unions." Inclose five cents postage. The report contains a large number of opinions by employers, unionists and the public

generally on the subject. The employers mostly think the unions should incorporate (because their treasuries could then be got at by court proceedings, probably); the unionists as a rule think that incorporation would be unwise and dangerous, while the public seems to think incorporation the proper thing. The legal profession who express an opinion seem to hold that incorporation would not be dangerous to the unions.

A capitalist paper says the children ought to have a chance to develop. We agree heartily to that. Gorky has just given his impressions of New York; and of the children he says: "The children in the streets of New York produce a profoundly sad impression. Playing ball midst the crash and thunder of iron, amidst the chaos of the tumultuous city, they seem like flowers thrown by some rude and cruel hand into the dust and dirt of the pavements. Pity for their little lungs, pity for their eyes choked up with dust!" And these same conditions are found in the other cities, too. But against the natural rights of the child is the whole structure of capitalism. It is holding him down, and certainly no capitalist editor will ever seriously want to see that structure demolished.

After the uncovering of insurance frauds, beef rottenness, frenzied finance patriotism and so on and on, the people are not at all surprised at the hints thrown out that the morals of our millionaires are to be uncovered. The late merchant prince, Marshall Field, of whom the smug successful parasites were ready to sing praises and to build monuments to his triumphant Americanism at the time of his death, was known to be the proprietor of a private harum in four sections in New York City, the immoralities of the young Pittsburg millionaires has been food for gossip these many years, and even the Milwaukee millionaire, Digelow, who went to smash in connection with his gigantic thievings from the First National Bank, was found to be the possessor of a large private non-Comstockian library of salacious and unmentionable books, which the administrator was afraid to put up at auction along with the balance of his library for fear of running up against the obscenity laws! And so on. The people are prepared to hear anything of these men. Being a law unto themselves they celebrate their financial success in life by yielding to all sorts of demoralizations.

And now a statistician of recognized ability, who makes a specialty of mortality figures, tells the people that "suicide is rapidly increasing and the value of life comparatively decreasing." Why should self-destruction rapidly increase under a beneficent and continuous prosperity such as the mouthpiece of capitalism assure us exists in this country? If their representation are true why should men seek escape in death? The plain fact of the matter is that the capitalist system is approaching its decline and has ceased to be a benefit to the great mass of the people. By craft, avarice and luck some people succeed, but they are the exceptions, and even their success spells disaster for others. Nature has no place for the unfit in its scheme of things. The capitalist system is now unfit. Consequently its days are numbered.

Sec'y. of the Navy Bonaparte also had his fling at the Socialists the other day in an address he delivered before a Chautauqua assembly. He was talking about the Anarchists (the poor ones, not the rich kind) and while careful to say that Socialists and Anarchists had diametrically opposite views, he couldn't help having his shy at us. Whether this was because of his membership in Cardinal Gibbons' church or because the other statesmen of Washington have been showing their uneasiness about us recently we do not know, but it is really amusing to see such a learned head soberly proclaiming us a menace to society while at the same time winking at the system that is dragging men down to their doom. The capitalist system has gotten so far along toward utter demoralization that the people are forced to cry out in their torture for a better deal, but men like Bonaparte hear not!

By the way, are you one of those who used to think that Socialism meant dividing up? Do you remember how the capitalist editors used to tell you that the Socialists wanted to collect all the money together into a big heap and then divide it equally among all the people, after which as soon as some of them went through their share it was to be all heaped up again and divided, and so on—do you remember those cock and bull tales they used to stuff you with because they

A Ceaseless Propaganda!

James Creelman, in *Pearson's Magazine*: "They advocate a change in our method of production and distribution which will render impossible the accumulation of colossal fortunes by a few at the expense of the many. They propose to abolish, in a large measure at least, special privilege and the fear of want, and render identical the interests of all. In short, they propose an economic change which will insure a more equitable distribution of wealth. There was a time when their propaganda work was done almost exclusively among the poor workers, for they realized that it is easier to reach a man through his stomach than through his brain; but to-day conditions have changed, and men's inclination have changed with them. The interest of the middle class man is identical with that of the worker, and he is no longer ashamed to espouse his cause and side by side put his shoulder to the wheel. The large amount of literature they dispose of is enormous. They treat the subject from each and every conceivable point of view. They realize that only as they can convince the new recruits of the absurdity and injustice of present conditions, the correctness and inevitability of their program and the good and benefit consequent upon its adoption, can they expect them to spread their propaganda. In this their fond hopes are realized, for every other man among them is an agitator and few are there who would not leave bed at midnight if there is the slightest chance of adding a convert. These are the Socialists.

thought you were ignorant and would not know the difference?

They don't tell such stuff as that now, because they know that you know better. And they keep a guilty silence when you mention the fact that it is the present capitalist system that really stands for dividing up, that it divides up the product of labor so that labor gets only enough to barely exist on and the rest goes to the capitalist class. That is a sore spot with them. They would rather talk about the weather or the races.

Almost periodically come reports of gross cruelties in Labor camps in different parts of the country. If it isn't in the turpentine camps in Florida then it is in a lumber camp somewhere else, or in some "fortified" industrial plant, where men have been gotten from a distance and not told that they were going to the scene of a strike. The latest story comes from Lockhart, Alabama, where a soulless and man-crushing lumber company is alleged to be "trying on in an astonishing way."

The company advertises for labor in foreign countries, pays for tickets on the ships for green hands to come over, contracting with them to work ten hours a day at \$1.50. As soon as it gets the green hand landed in the woods of Alabama it disregards the contract and makes a virtual slave of him. Where it can it gets men of family to come, so that with his family once located on the scene the man will be more securely anchored than otherwise. The camp is unsanitary, the men must sleep three in a bed, which is pretty tough for such a warm climate, and they are worked and beaten and otherwise misused. Some try to run away, but the company owns the spur railroad and also has its spies at the main line on the watch. It is said the victims have been trying to interest the Aust. government in the matter so as to force Uncle Sam to stop winking at the thing. But if Uncle Sam looked into all the abuses of labor he would have his hands full. And besides, his capitalist masters would at once point out that he was meddling in "private matters" and going against "vested business interests."

The series of articles on the relation of Socialists to the trade unions translated from an address of Comrade August Hebel, the great German Socialist leader, who has been printing in the *HERALD* will be brought together and issued in pamphlet form at a price to correspond with the Vanguard pamphlets. A mischief-making ignorance exists in our movement as to the international position of our party toward the trade unions, resulting in some surprising positions being taken by men who ought to be posted on such matters, and as a result some comrades have been led astray and their party loyalty really damaged. We urge our readers to send in big orders for this pamphlet and to give it as wide circulation as possible, as a means of reducing the friction those who have been misled are producing. Moreover it is very important that our party avoid the error of the S. L. P. of some years ago when it started out to organize dual unions.

They of necessity did more or less strike-breaking, and thus naturally gave Socialism a bad name in trade union circles from which it was only recently beginning to escape when the new folly was hatched at the same sources. Give the pamphlet a wide circulation, comrades, and see that it is carefully and thoughtfully read.

Like fire, chemistry is a good servant of the human race, but a bad master. Absolutely divorced from commercialism chemistry is a good servant and can do humanity and progress a lot of good. But when it becomes a magic wand of commerce, turning our food stuffs into abominable concoctions, poisoning the multitude and giving them a cheaper product for the price that the honest goods would cost, then truly it is a bad master. And it has become a bad master.

What food is there that we are really sure of? And besides the monumental swindle of it all, think of the added price we are gouged out of in the matter of resultant ill-health!

It is said that there is not an absolutely normal or healthy individual throughout our capitalist civilization. Washington Hesting, expostmaster of Chicago boasted that he was entirely healthy one night at a banquet, and next day dropped dead of heart disease. A healthy heart would not have played him false like that. The eating of chemicalized, adulterated food is not the only cause of the universal bad health, but it is one of the greatest.

Let there be no compromise with the food poisoners, even if there are big and "hallowed" interests at stake.

At Geneva Lake, Wis., women who so far demean themselves as to work for a living, will not be tolerated. The lake is surrounded by the estates of rich Chicago drovers and sharks among men who loll about and do all the other things inseparable from swill American "society," and their summer cottages are veritable palaces. A noon-day rest association of young women who live by toil, recently tried to rent a tract of land on the lake shore for a summer outing, and the swell drones got wind of it and made it so unpleasant for the owner of the land that the lease which was all drawn up was destroyed again. When you think what the Lake Geneva tribe really do for the people who work for a living, when you reflect that the riches lavished by the colony come from wrecked, exploited and stunted lives which the working class must contribute to the thing known as triumphant American industry, you will begin to see, perhaps, the enormity of this little episode. If we had the power of punishment we would sentence the perfumed parasites to one year in the treadmill of wage slavery in Chicago, although we fear that for some of them this would mean death, for their lives of impudent indolence have unfitted them for the rigors of the industrial work hell from which their dollars are coined.

Manitowoc, Wis., has a Socialist mayor, and the corporations are lying awake nights about it. Despite the fact that the Socialist mayor happens to be himself a large manufacturer, doing a larger business in a year than the city's own transactions total up to, the professional "business men" of the city are throwing all possible obstacles in his way, blackguarding him through their newspapers and harassing him with lawsuits.

Recently one of their newspaper mouthpieces came out with a whine that Mayor Stolze did not mingle with the "respectable" business element or join them socially—meaning of course the corporation magistrates who infest the town and engage in the highly patriotic pastime of bleeding both city and people for all the traffic will bear. It was a real shame, so there! And the mayor only laughed at their whine and said he didn't see how he could hold them and their extortions at bay as mayor of the city, and at the same time hobnob with them in private without compromising himself—and he indicated pretty clearly that he knew what their patriotism amounted to.

There is one Manitowoc daily, the *Tribune*, that upholds the mayor, and as a consequence it has had the same pack of commercial vultures howling on its track. The paper criticized the hold-over fire chief and at once they set him up to bringing a libel suit. Then the paper began to actually look into his political conduct, with the result that the chief had to do a lot of explaining and now really wishes he hadn't rushed into court. Some of the things brought out have been sensational to a degree and his impeachment seems certain. All these things, coupled with the fact that corporation hirings have

twice made attempts on the mayor's life and also the fact that never before have the people had a mayor who really served them instead of the corporations, all these things have made life strenuous for the citizens of Manitowoc and they are watching municipal matters as they never did before. They see in Mayor Stolze a representative of their interests—the interests of the working class against the corporations—that is, the capitalists who have been adding to the profits taken out of labor the big extortions made possible by franchise snaps and the like. The mayor has the town with him, naturally, and, as we say, the corporations are lying awake nights about it.

The Socialist press has printed Upton Sinclair's announcement of his home colony scheme but has not endorsed it, so far as our observation goes. For our part we have been chary of it, although when sifted down it merely amounts to a plan whereby people so minded may settle in a community outside New York city for the purpose of getting a little more public service than can be had in the ordinary village or suburb. Its only bad feature lies in the fact that the public will set it down as an experiment in Socialism, and then when it fails, as it may, will feel convinced that Socialism has been tried again and found not to work. They will set it down in the long list of communistic experiments like Ruskin and Brook Farm on the supposition that such attempts are really Socialism.

Yet the fact remains that the Sinclair experiment has its good points. Jane Addams has characterized housework as "a belated industry." It has not kept pace with modern achievement. It is a primitive, laborious, woman-killing employment, and little has ever been done to lessen its interminable drudgery. Sooner or later the people collectively will step in to furnish relief through the introduction of co-operative undertakings. Dish washing, clothes washing, sweeping and so on, all will doubtless be taken hold of in time by science and co-operation and modernized and rendered the least of the housewife's worries. Until this is done the average housewife will continue to look the faded flower that she is, a wreck at thirty—although good looks and beautiful freshness are supposed to be woman's especial prerogative.

The Wisconsin "outlaw" Dietz, who has had recourse to the shotgun to protect his title to a dam that a powerful lumber company wants, and who has held possession for two or three years in defiance of the corporation and the sheriff's posse, has given his version of the matter to the press. In it he tells some things that raise the question as to which is the outlaw, the county as administered by old party pets of capitalism, or this lone man armed with a shotgun to protect himself from the court game of plunder which corporations are ready to play with such undoubted "legality." Says Dietz:

"That I am right in my contentions with the company we have the papers in black and white to convince the most skeptical, but Satan's county is where they do things to suit the gang, where the secretary of the school board draws \$10,000 per annum for his services while the children go without schooling; and lets the job of building a school house to himself and sublets it the same day at \$500 profit; where the county judge commits boys to the reform school without a hearing; where they are farming the bounty on wild animals; where the chairman of the town saves the scalps of wild animals when he issues his certificate and calls them his butterflies, and when he wants a transient or Indian vote he simply gives them a butterfly or two; where there is no appearance at court against any criminal if his relatives vote for the gang, and other depredations too numerous to mention."

The Dietz case has laid bare quite a little of the hypocrisy of the thing we call law and order—that is, order maintained by politicians in office acting under laws made to suit the purposes of the capitalist class.

Did you ever stop to think what proportion of the food supply of the country goes to waste by reason of the present system? To destroy food when the people need it is the most frightful of crimes, and you know how indignant you have felt when you have read of whole train loads of bananas being dumped into swamps to keep down the supply and the prices up. But just consider the other kind of steady, systematic waste of food because of the capitalist system. The only excuse a system of business has for existence is that it serves the people. And yet between the people and

the food products of our fields and orchards and gardens stands the robber baron of commercialism saying to us "pay our prices, or the food rots."

The Socialist method is so different from the capitalist method that it is profitable to contrast them. Under Socialism, where no private profit making would intervene, the food would go direct to the people and there would be scarcely any waste at all. But it is not so with the capitalist system, for it relies on private interest to get the foods to the people. There is a market in between made up of men who must get their living out of the transaction.—They hold the food until it is sold at a profitable price, and if the sales are slow they must figure on the probable waste due to the food's perishableness, so that to get any food at all the people must also pay for the food they do not get but which goes to waste.

In conversation with a city official of Milwaukee we were told that the amount of fruit carted away from the grocery stores recently by the garbage collectors was appalling—spoiled fruit that should have gone to the people, yet which was held back by commercialism until it spoiled—and spoiled in plain view of the people who needed it! This loss of property is just as serious as the loss of property by fire, yet one is considered natural and all right, while a city maintains an expensive fire department to prevent the other.

The capitalist system is essentially wasteful, whichever way you view it, and this deliberate spoiling of food is one of its most grievous sins.

That there is no such thing as true fraternity possible under the capitalist system is well shown by the national gathering of the order of Eagles in Milwaukee the present week. On the city hall, in letters of electric light, is the legend: "Welcome Eagles." If the truth were really put into letters it should read: "Welcome Eagles because we expect you will bring a lot of money and Trade to Town!" This is the real motive back of the welcome. Under capitalism everything is necessarily selfish. So long as fraternity can be coined into money it is a good thing! And in order that the Eagles may not be baffled into being poor spenders the town is thrown wide open, so that the respectable members of the order, who are really the majority, have to suffer from the conduct of part of the minority who go to such gatherings to have the time of their life and to indulge their animosity to the uttermost. As a consequence there have been scenes on Milwaukee's streets the past week that are far from wholesome and which only tend to bring out in the clear the low instincts which capitalism instills into men who would otherwise be decent and human. One visiting Eagle, his face purple with fire-water paraded along a main and crowded downtown thoroughfare, blowing a penny horn and with the usual badges and emblems and souvenirs augmented by a woman's under shirt which he had pinned on like an apron and was raising in a suggestive and vulgar way to every woman he met. And the men, women and boys on the street laughed at the "humor" of the spectacle, and he was not molested—for Milwaukee wanted the Eagles to have a good time—and spend their coin. This is but one incident. There were others. During the big Woodmen's gathering in Milwaukee not long ago several men in uniform of a marching club were arrested because they walked along behind women and raised their dresses with canes they carried in their hands, until their conduct got to be not only flagrant but unbearable. Such men, it may be said incidentally, do not represent the decent members of these orders, and the orders should provide adequate penalties for such miserable conduct. If the sheep could be separated from the goats in these fraternal organizations it would be a good thing. But aside from those who really join them from simple pure fraternal motives, there are always the certain proportion of rascals, capitalist politicians, business pluggers, tin horn sports, and the like.

How much better it would be if we lived under a system in which humanity would be all one fraternal society, without the necessity for the sheep to be grouped together here and there with the goats. And, best of all, without the necessity of depending on the hazard of such bodies for security and insurance against want in old age.

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and ceiling. Books and papers are rare, and in fact these people say they have no time for them. In going about their work they are exposed to all kinds of weather, and as a rule work early and late the year round. They are often spoken of as the most independent of people, but they are independent in food products alone, and until they can turn these into money, or if they fail to do so, they suffer for clothing and shelter and their intellectual life is cut off. It is a fact that many of the farming population have plenty to eat and to spare but yet live in misery and intellectual inertia, because they can not advantageously and promptly turn their excess products into money. While this is true there are those in the cities who are making the very things the farmer needs for his comfort and for aiding him in his work who are suffering for the products of the farm.

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at last completely worn out. It is for these ten million farmers to shake off the stupor under which they now are, to organize this industry under the banner of the co-operative commonwealth, reduce the hours of labor, and enjoy the full product of their toil. To say that they would cease to work and become lazy under these highly improved conditions when they have worked almost beyond their strength under such evil ones, is not to say the truth.

CONCLUSION.

In all that has been here written it is plainly shown that the incentive which capitalism claims to set before men is a low one; it appeals only to man's baser nature. With the parasitic class it is a desire to live, to make millions, and to obtain power by the labor of others—in other words to get something for nothing. With the exploited class it is simply a desire to make some sort of a living, however narrowing and degrading such a state of living may be. In neither case is there anything ennobling, or anything that appeals to the better and higher nature of man.

Socialism on the other hand, while it will retain the incentive, the desire to make a living, will not be satisfied with any sort of a living but will demand the highest type of living that the progress of the age provides. It will set before man the high incentives,—the duty and privilege of honestly earning his own living by the work of his own hands; the desire to be a factor in progress, in invention, in discovery, in scientific research; the confidence and esteem of his fellows by reason of his part in life well performed; the opportunity for attainment in learning, in art, in literature, in science; the assurance that he will get the full product of his labor instead of a very small part of it; the assurance that no one will take advantage of him while he is working and doing his part; an environment in which he can develop character, and build up his moral, social, and spiritual capacities; an interest in the well being and glory of the co-operative commonwealth. To-day only a few rich, and a few politicians have any real interest in the government.

To say that the desire to make money is the only incentive, is to make man a very low order of being. The Socialist will not give assent to any such idea, but holds that if under capitalism it appears to be so it is not a defect in the nature of men, but is due entirely to the manner in which they get their living.

In closing the author wishes to say that if at any time he seems to unduly censure anyone, or to find fault with anything they do, it is not that he holds the individual responsible so much as the system by which he makes his living and this will explain why Socialists are so intent upon changing a system that makes men so unnatural and beast like.

The Folly of Competition.

Of all the many senseless and brutal theories which practical men support, the most fatuous and bestial is the theory of competition.

I use the word theory advisedly. You practical men are fond of scoffing at all humane systems of thought or government as mere "theories." It is one of the vainest of your vanities to believe that you have no theories at all.

One of the laws of your practical school is the law that "Society flourishes by the antagonism of its individuals."

That is the theory of competition. It means that war is better than peace, that a nation where every man tries to get the better of his neighbor will be happier and wealthier, more prosperous and more enlightened than a nation where every man tries to help his neighbor.

This competitive theory is rank blockheadism. Allow me to show you. I will test it first by theory, and then we will see how it comes out in practice.

Suppose two men had to get a cart up a hill. Would they get it up sooner if one tried to push it up while the other tried to push it down; or if both men tried to pull it up?

Suppose two men had to catch a colt. Which would be the wiser plan, for each man to try to prevent the other from catching it, or for each man to help the other to catch it?

Suppose a captain had to bring a ship from New York to Liverpool, would he allow half a dozen men to fight for the post of helmsman, or the whole crew to scramble for the job of sailing?

No, he would set his crew in order, and send each man to his proper post.

When there is a fire-panic in a

theater how do people lose their lives? Is it by all scrambling and fighting to get through the narrow doors? And the result of such a scramble. Is it not the blocking of the exits? But you know very well that if people kept cool, and went out quietly, and in an orderly way, they would all escape.

If a hundred men had a hundred loaves of bread, and if they piled them in a heap and fought for them, so that some got more than they could eat, and some got none, and some were trampled to death in the brutal scuffle, that would be competition. Were it not for competition the hundred men would be all fed.

That is the theory of competition. What do you think of it?

And now let us be practical. You have fallen into the stupid error of supposing that competition is better than co-operation, partly because you have never seen anything but competition in practice, and partly because you have not very clear sight, nor very clear brains.

You know that when a railway company, or a meat company, or a coal company, has a monopoly the public gets worse served than when there are several companies in competition with each other.

And you suppose that because competition beats monopoly therefore competition is better than co-operation.

But, if you were not rather slow, you might have noticed that co-operation and monopoly are not the same things. Co-operation is the mutual helpfulness of all; monopoly is the plundering of the many by the few.

Give one man a monopoly of the coal mines and coal would go up in price; but miners' wages would not.

But there is a great difference between making the collieries the property of one man, and making them the property of the whole people.

Now the Socialists propose to make them the property of the whole people. And they say that if that were done the price of coal would be the natural price. That is to say, it would be the price of the proper keep of the colliers.

Or, for you possibly understand this better, being a practical man, they say that the state could work

the coal mines better and more cheaply—with less waste of labor—than could a private firm, or a number of firms in competition.

This is because a great deal of the time and energy of the private firm—under competition is spent, not in the production and distributing of coal, but in the effort to undersell and overreach each other.

And, fortunately, we have one actual example of this existing in the postal and telegraphic department of the state. For it is a fact which no one attempts to deny that the postoffice manages this branch of the national business a great deal better than it ever was or ever could be managed by a number of small firms in competition with each other.

On the 17th of June, the *Clarion* quoted from The New Nation the following paragraph:

"As soon as I get up a good thing, say in chocolate," says a merchant, "some rival will imitate it in quality and sell it at a lower rate. To hold my own I've to cut his price; but as I can't do that and make a profit, I must adulterate the article a little. He knows the dodge, and he will do the same thing. So we go, cutting at each other, until both of our articles are so cheap and poor that nobody will buy them. Then I start the pure goods again under another name, and the whole circus has to be gone over again."

Every man who knows anything of trade knows how general is the knavish practice of adulteration. As a Lancashire man you will need no lecture on the evils of calico-sizing. Now, all adulteration is directly due to competition. Do you doubt it? Allow me to prove my statement by quoting from a speech by John Bright. John Bright was a great apostle of grad-grindery. He was a champion of competition, an opponent of trade unionism; and in the speech to which I allude he intended to excuse adulteration, and he said:

"Adulteration is only another form of competition." Could anything be clearer? Could any irony, or any argument, or any in reeptive of a Socialist, wound competition so deeply as does this radicalist chance-blow of its champion, John Bright? — Robt. Butcherford.

Wisconsin State Platform.

THE Social-Democratic party is the American political expression of the international movement of the modern working class for better food, better houses, sufficient sleep, more leisure, more education, and more culture.

Under the present system, society is rapidly dividing into two classes: the rich and the poor, the capitalist class and the proletariat. The one toils without enjoying, the other enjoys without toiling.

In the wage earner of the cities and the farmer, we recognize the types of the producing elements of this country. Under our present economic system, both are exploited for the benefit of the capitalist class, the laborer on the sale of his labor power and the farmer on the sale of his products. Both are again exploited in the purchase of practically all the necessities of life.

The final aim of the Social-Democratic party is the emancipation of the producers and the abolition of the capitalist system. For that purpose, we organize the producing classes in city and country into a political party to take control of the powers of government.

The most characteristic expression of the present economic system is the trust and the monopoly.

Electricity, steam, and many modern inventions have struck the death blow at production on a small scale. Competition has wiped out competition. Production on a large scale makes monopoly a necessary condition. The trust and the monopoly are here, whether we wish it or not. The only question is whether they shall be public or private monopolies.

Private monopoly is a curse to the nation. Thus we see the coal trust making untold millions out of the sufferings of the poor, the oil trust piling up the greatest fortune the world has ever seen upon the ruin of innumerable small dealers and in defiance of all laws and courts of justice, the meat trust sending thousands of unexpecting human beings to an early grave by selling diseased meat simply to make dividends and heap up millions. Similar statements could be proven against all the other trusts.

Therefore the Social-Democratic party demands that the production of this country shall be taken away from the control of a small number of irresponsible men whose only aim is to exploit us to the last limit of our endurance, without regard to human life or welfare.

There is no relief to be expected from any of the old parties. Formerly, the Republican party was the favorite political organization of capitalism, while the Democratic party stood for the middle class. But since the trusts have bought the Democratic party, there is no difference between the two. They both stand for capitalism and the present economic system.

With this in view, the Social-Democratic party of the state of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of international Socialism and declares its adherence to the platform of the national Socialist party adopted at the convention in Chicago, and pledges itself at the present time to the following measures:

That the state legislature, the governor and our representatives in Congress shall take such action as is calculated,

First, to bring about the nationalization of all the trusts, notably the coal, the meat, the oil, the sugar, the farming machinery trusts, and others of the same kind.

Second, to bring about the national ownership of the railroads, telegraphs, telephones, and express companies and steamship lines.

Third, to enact a law, granting every wage worker over 60 years of age, who has earned less than \$1,000 a year and has been a citizen of the United States for sixteen years at least, a pension of not less than \$12 a month for the rest of his life.

Fourth, to bring about the enactment of a national law by which the government of the United States shall lend the cities and townships money on bonds issued by said cities and townships. Such loans shall be made in legal tender and without interest, the refund to take place in twenty years in equal shares. The money shall have its intrinsic value secured by the bonds and the assessed valuation of the city or township that receives the loan, and it shall be canceled with the bonds as fast as the loan is refunded.

Fifth, to amend the United States constitution so as to abolish the United States Senate, which is a bulwark of capitalism and trustocracy,—the general referendum of all the people to take its place as a check, under proper provisions. Furthermore to elect the United States judges by the people of their respective districts, for terms not to exceed six years,—instead of having them appointed by the president,—in order to make an end of government by injunction.

Sixth, to establish life-insurance by the national government.

We also demand,

Seventh, that all elective officers, national, state, and municipal, shall be made subject to the imperative mandate, and to a recall, by the expressed wish of three-fourths of their constituency.

Eighth, that no city in Wisconsin shall have the right to sell, lease or give away public franchises. Provided, however, that in cases where existing laws and public necessity make a franchise unavoidable, it shall be granted only upon such terms as will guarantee

justice to the people in the matter of rates, and fair treatment of the workers in respect to hours of labor, wages, etc., and especially shall provide for the transfer of the utility to public ownership at the earliest possible hour. Or, provided further, that the granting of such franchise shall first be approved by general referendum of the respective city or township.

Ninth, Every city in Wisconsin shall have the right to take possession of all its public utilities by paying to the present owners the price of the properties involved as fixed by an impartial jury, the same not to include any franchise values; and every city and township shall have the right to issue bonds for that purpose. All unlimited franchises now in existence to be declared null and void.

Tenth, complete self-government for cities and townships. They shall have the right to erect public slaughter houses, cold-storage plants, elevators, coal and wood yards, ice houses, stock yards, and manufacture commodities and sell them to the citizens at cost.

Eleventh, the state shall provide free school books and school utensils to the pupils of the public schools. We also demand legislation enabling school districts in the country to give better school facilities and free transportation for the children to and from school.

Twelfth, that no further water rights shall be given away to individuals or private corporations, and those that have been given away, shall be recovered as rapidly as possible. All mineral rights reserved in private contract shall be abolished. No land belonging to the state shall be sold, and all lands now belonging to the state shall be kept for state purposes.

Thirteenth, that steps be taken to protect the head waters of our rivers. We demand also the reforestation of denuded tracts suitable for reforestation, so as to provide wooded land for future generations who have been robbed by the timber thieves.

Fourteenth, that laws be enacted, limiting the working of youths under 21 years of age and women of any age employed anywhere in Wisconsin to eight hours a day, and prohibiting the employment of children under 16 years of age in any factory, store, workshop or mine, also for the strictest protection of life and limb in workshops, factories, mines, stores, railways and boats. Also the removal of the principle of contributory negligence from our statutes, and the enactment of laws to compensate workmen when injured while employed. All wages to be paid weekly in lawful money.

Fifteenth, that a graduated income and inheritance tax be enacted, small inheritances and small incomes to be exempt.

Sixteenth, that fire and accident insurance be established by the state.

The Social-Democratic party also stands for every radical change that will bring more wealth, more culture, and more security to the masses of the people. But we call attention to the fact that the measures we urge are not a cure for all the existing evils, nor are they all Socialistic measures. They are to be viewed rather as mere palliatives, capable of being carried out even under the present conditions. Under no circumstances should the people rest content with palliatives of this kind. The people should move onward to the conquest of all public powers, to an entire change of the present system for one which will secure to the people collectively the ownership of the means of production and distribution and thereby the blessings of our modern inventions, and a standard of civilization and culture hitherto unknown in history.

This is the program of the Social-Democratic party in Wisconsin. We call upon every intelligent voter of this state, regardless of race, nationality or religion to join the Social-Democratic party, vote its ticket, build up its organization, and stand shoulder to shoulder for a better order and a higher civilization. And especially to the economically oppressed we call in the words of the immortal Karl Marx:—

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Socialistic Miscellany.

The Philosophy of Pain.

Pain is not to be reckoned as abnormal, but as nature's protest against the abnormal; it is her finger sternly pointing the other way that she means us to go.

The laws of nature are docile if harnessed in obedience to the laws of God. These laws are not written on tablets of stone. Nor are they readable save by the light of experience. Experience is the essence of the earth-life.

Till we learn that a given act or want of action brings disease or injury to the body, we suffer. Fire would destroy if my hand felt no pain when in contact with the flame. Pain makes us care for this suit of the soul, which temporarily invests the spirit.

If we go contrary to nature's law, wittingly or ignorantly, we are victims of pain or destruction. Man, animal, and plant are all subject to the same laws.

Pathology is only physiology carried to excess. Fatigue is a form of suffering to warn that certain elements poisonous to the body have been generated within, and that we must pause till they are eliminated by the process of life-chemistry, active during rest.

We can conquer pain by avoiding its causes; we can only avoid it by knowledge. Knowledge comes by experience.

If we but knew or realized that no law of nature can be violated except an inexorable penalty be exacted in pain, how much greater happiness might result. This law applies equally to every department of our lives; whether it be physical,

mental, spiritual, moral or intellectual.

All our sufferings are due to ignorance. When we learn, that fire is painful we avoid its burnings. We are taught only through pain.

The harsh grindstone makes the sharp axe.

Anguish drives us to effort, and it is only through endeavor that we make any progress whatever. There is no royal road to any success. The price of every gain must be paid.

Let no man cheat himself by thinking otherwise, but rather let him gird up his loins and courageously endure hardships, care, and the drenchings of sorrow. They are designed for his advancement and good. It is only thus that he can go forward. To learn in his fate; and he can only learn through suffering.

And if he does not see the lesson intended, he must suffer again and again till he has clear vision, and obedient heart. Nature is obdurate and merciless. She will be obeyed, or slays ruthlessly, even unto the last.—Open Court.

"Vive La Duma!"

Even Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman must now feel grateful for our agitation which saved his Government from the eternal disgrace of sending the British Fleet to do homage to the brutal and blood-stained despotism of the Czar. "La Duma est morte," cried Sir Henry, "Vive La Duma!" Yet even now, but for us, the ships and men of the British Navy, by the order of Sir Henry's Government, would have been paying a visit of courtesy and respect to the assassin of Russia's first parliament. How would Sir Henry have cried "Vive La Duma!" then? We readily admit that the Duma has far exceeded our expectations, and has proved a much better ex-

positor of popular feeling and sentiment in Russia than could possibly have been supposed it would be in the extraordinary circumstances in which it was created. In any case, however, here was a parliamentary institution conceived with a view of establishing constitutionalism, and tiding over, or stifling, the revolution—an institution which was entitled to the enthusiastic welcome and approbation of Liberals the world over. And the Czar, the great White Czar, the Liberal Czar, the convener of Peace Congresses, and the idol of our English Liberals has strangled the Duma. They should be thankful that we saved them from being accessories to the crime, and in the meantime we can join in the Prime Minister's cry: "The Duma is dead; long live the Duma!" even though we know that by strangling the Duma Nicholas has taken the first step towards his own overthrow.—Justice London.

Fifteen Varieties of Ham.

Armour advertises a "Star Brand Ham" so carefully culled from the 40,000 hams dressed daily in his hammeries that only one in fifteen is fit to go into its particular class.

One ham in fifteen is, according to the advertisement, fit to eat. The other fourteen are fit to sell. Whether any of them are fit for the people who eat them is a question that had better not be discussed for fear of injuring American enterprise.

It's a well-known business maxim that things to be sold must be advertised. With this in mind, how the other fourteen hams are disposed of is one of the mysteries of mysterious Packingtown art. The following scale suggests the disposition made of the lower grades:

Ham No. 1—"Star Brand," the ham what am for the few who are.

Ham No. 2—For second-class aristocracy.

Ham No. 3—For the swell hotels.

Ham No. 4—For railway dining cars.

Ham No. 5—For family hotels and summer resorts.

Ham No. 6—For short-order restaurants.

Ham No. 7—For "regular-meal" restaurants.

Ham No. 8—For lunch-counter sandwiches.

Ham No. 9—For saloon free lunches.

Ham No. 10—For department store bargains.

Ham No. 11—A penitentiary delicacy.

Ham No. 12—For charitable institutions.

Ham No. 13—For whatever is unlucky enough to get it.

Ham No. 14—For the country trade.

Ham No. 15—For the dirty devils who dress the fifteen hams.—E.x.

Judicial Treason.

To plot the overthrow of civil society by violently overturning those in authority is held to be treason to the State, but for those to subvert the purposes of the State, who, being in authority, use the power of official position to commit the very wrongs which they have been engaged to prevent, is not only treason, but treason more infamous than the treason of those who conspire with acknowledged enemies or levy open war. And this is so because to the infamy of betrayal they have added the contemptible qualities of the sneak thief.

The courts are the last resort of every old abuse. Those who take advantage of outworn legal forms to enforce conditions which involve robbery and oppression do not make their defence by an appeal to justice, to fair play or to public opinion. Their appeal is to the courts. There they contend for vested rights which rarely means anything which is right, but instead is an effort to protect and perpetuate an acknowledged wrong; under the contention that some old form of law or some new construction of some old form of law, involves a vested interest, that is, a contract, a previous agreement which must not be set aside. This means the abuse of public authority. It can be enforced only in the courts, and it can be enforced there only by the corruption of the court.

If it were possible that the law at any given time could provide for a protecting adjustment of all interests arising from industrial and commercial activities even then it must be admitted that the constant shifting of the forms of industrial and commercial activities would demand a corresponding constant readjustment of the law, if justice is to prevail. Machinery has been vastly enlarged, commerce has become world wide. Individual enterprises in the shop and market are everywhere yielding to collec-

tive undertakings. The forms of law and the manner of its administration have constantly shifted, but not in the interest of the working class. So far as their side of the labor controversy is concerned, the workers are guaranteed only such protection, even if the laws were obeyed by their masters, as was provided for at the time when every worker knew his master, worked at the bench with him and was aspiring to become himself an employer also.

Not so with the master class. Court decisions are constantly creating new forms of law, but they are doing so in the interest of those who are most influential with the courts. The industry of the workers, the genius of the inventors, and the capacity of the great industrial organizers are pushing the industrial development in one direction, while the petty personal interests of the private owners of the great industrial enterprises are pushing the line of legal development more and more completely turns the mastery of these great enterprises into the hands of the few who did not create them, who cannot use them and whose power over them is the cause of the poverty and degradation of the many. In fact, just as industry widens and involves the activities of ever increasing numbers of workers the powers of mastery narrow into fewer hands, and the courts are moving in accord with this process of dying democracy and growing despotism in the shop and market.

The kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in the State of Colorado, the rushing of them out of the state on a special train, without a previous hearing, without preferring definite charges, and, at the best, under an illegal agreement of governors in defiance of the forms of law, into another State with the boasted determination on the part of the governors, judges, politicians and alleged detectives that the captured men could never leave the State of Idaho alive—this is but a further illustration of treason to the State at the hands of the very men set to administer, not to betray, the public authority.

Let it be said, not in anger, but in sober verity, that McDonald in Colorado and Gooding in Idaho are traitors to the States they serve as governors. If Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are hanged, they will be hanged at the hands of traitors and by the authority of a court created to establish justice, but corrupted into an instrument of treason. It will not be the verdict of the law; it will be the consummation of a conspiracy by men in office, placed there to administer the law, who use the power of their positions to betray the law, in order, by outright murder, to serve the great business interests which own the mines, the smelters, the railways, the governors and the courts and are using them all not for purposes of public protection or for social service, but for purposes of robbery. These men, these private owners of the public railways, the public mines and the public courts, no one of these things any more than the others and no one of them any more unjustly than the others. These men are the robber barons of the Twentieth Century, they are literally the highwaymen of modern commerce, and they have allied with themselves, for the purposes of robbery, the officers of the law set by the people for the defense of the common good. These Governors and Judges are using their public power to hurry to the gallows innocent men, and they are doing so in behalf of men who are themselves guilty of murder, arson and every other crime known to the criminal code, so far as crime can be made to further the interests of these private owners of these great industries.

But the voice of the ballot-box is the final authority in all matters of controversy in this country. The labor war is a fight at the ballot box for the control of the government in behalf of the working class, but especially, and above all other departments of the government, it is a fight for the control of the courts. The injunctions and the various orders (possible under injunctions, which are a new development in American law and wholly created by the courts, and in behalf of the masters, give to the courts in this country the absolutism of the imperialism of other countries.

The courts are the last resort of every old abuse. The masters are making their last stand. They have created a new power which in the hands of the working class will utterly destroy the power of the masters. Captive the courts by the working class. The injunction and the mandamus in a workman's court will do the rest.

Walter Thomas Mills.

Glasgow Likes Civic Ownership. Glasgow, July 28.—The members of the National Civic Federation, who came to England to investigate municipal ownership of street railways, gas, electric light, water works, etc., arrived in Glasgow too soon to get the last annual financial report on the municipally owned and managed street railways of this city.

The Glasgow people are so fa-

Labor's True Slavery Stands Revealed!

EX-SENATOR DAGUE OF CALIFORNIA SHOWS HOW WORKERS ARE HANDLED BY THE CAPITALIST POLITICIANS IN POWER.—ON TO THE BALLOT BOX!

MUST GO TO BED OR BE LOCKED UP. TOWN MARSHAL AT PULLMAN. SOUL-DEAD SLAVES HAVE TOWN TALK OF UNION WAGES AND AN EIGHT HOUR DAY DRIVES FARMERS TO FRENZY.

Pullman, Wash., Aug. 4.—An effort to organize the laborers of this section into a union for the purpose of raising wages resulted in disaster to the two men who began the work. The men came here with union cards, but it was not known what union they represented.

The men claimed to be looking for work, and when a farmer asked them to go to work for him they asked what hours he expected them to work, and were told they expected regular farm work hours. They returned to go, showed him their union cards and announced that eight hours is a day's work. The farmer, thoroughly disgusted, left for home without men to work in his harvest fields.

Joseph Morris, deputy marshal, heard the conversation and took the matter up at once. He gave the men 10 minutes to get to bed on penalty of being locked up in jail. They secured a bed at one of the hotels, and the marshal accompanied them to the hotel door to see that the order was enforced. He served notice on them to leave town early the next morning, and warned them that failure to do so would result in a term on the county chain gang. The men departed early this morning.

People of this section are in no honor to tolerate agitators who try to gain wages or shorter hours for work in the harvest fields, and anyone who attempts it will be given short notice to leave town or work on the chain gang.

Editor of SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD: The above appeared in the Spokane Review, August 5.—heading and all. My home was in Alameda, California. I was badly shaken by the April earthquake. Coming here I thought to do some work in the hop-fields. Since reading the above I am afraid to apply for work. If I do, and do not meekly accept the terms of the farmer I may be run out of the state, or jailed, or be put in the chain-gang.

Has it come to this in the United States that a petty police officer can be sheriff, judge, and jury, and eject a workman out of the state or put him in irons for declining to work for an employer on whatever terms such employer may dictate? Here is the exercise of an authority that the Czar of Russia would not dare to exercise. The Spokane Review is the greatest Republican journal in Washington. It published the foregoing with approval. I have examined several old party papers to see if they disapproved of this high-handed outrage. Not a paper that I have seen denounces the act of Deputy Marshal Morris. Let working people coming to this state take notice that if they do

For the year ending May 31 the gross receipts of the Glasgow tramways were \$4,200,000. The cost of operation and maintenance was \$2,250,000; \$800,000 were set aside for depreciation of plant, etc., leaving a balance between the gross receipts, expenditure and the deposit for depreciation of plant of \$1,145,000.

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FOR OUR NEW READERS:

THIS COUNTRY is largely made up of working people, both industrial and agricultural, but it is ruled by the capitalist class, which is numerically a very small fraction of the population. Being in control, that class runs the government in its own interests and against the interests of the rest of the people who are the overwhelming majority.

We Socialists believe that the country should be managed in the interests and for the well-being of those who produce the wealth. That is what government is for in the first place. The means of existence are now privately owned by capitalists who comprise only twelve per cent. of the population. By means of this private ownership a mere ONE PER CENT. of the people OWN OVER HALF OF THE WEALTH OF THE NATION, and the concentration is going on at a pell-mell speed.

The means of production should be owned by the collectivity in order that the fruits of industry should go to the MANY, instead of to the FEW.

Under the present capitalist system, the majority of mankind must sell their labor power to the capitalist owners of the means of production and distribution in order to live—and to live very miserably at that.

The people own the post office and everybody is glad of the fact. The people ought to also own all the trusts so that all may enjoy the benefits. They ought to own every industry as soon as it has become sufficiently concentrated and organized to permit of such common ownership.

To bring this about, the people,—that is, the workers, not the shirkers,—must have possession of the political power. The Social-Democratic party (known as the Socialist party in some states, and nationally) is organized to bring this about—the abolition of capitalism. We insist that the industrial class shall be the wealthy class, and the idle class, the poor and dependent class—although Social-Democracy will in time abolish all poverty and eliminate the drones.

The Social-Democratic movement is international, but will doubtless achieve success in the United States first, because the capitalist system is farthest developed here and is preparing the ground for the higher system of society.

To show you that your interests lie with us we give herewith the following:

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1. Collective ownership of all industries in the hands of trusts and combines, and of all public utilities.
2. Democratic management of such collective industries and utilities.
3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and national insurance for the workers and honorable rest in old age.
5. The inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of eighteen years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE ABOVE, VOTE WITH THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

It recalls the hypocritical attack made on Gorky's character by the codfish aristocracy of Gotham when one reads that the sister of Millionaire W. E. Corey testified in a Nevada divorce court that her brother was not a fit person to have custody of his sixteen year old son, adding incidentally that "no wealthy New York man is fit to have charge of a boy of his age." If this had been said before the revelations in the Thaw-White murder case it might have sounded sensational, but now it seems to have not only caused no surprise, but actually to have called forth some frank discussion of the morals of our millionaires, whether they live in New York, or elsewhere. The Pittsburgh Press says the metropolis would do well to pause and consider "whether it is really so very much better than ancient Babylon, or Sodom and Gomorrah." Which is a center shot, unless we are much mistaken. And the Evening Post of New York says: "This spoiling of sons by wealthy fathers is peculiarly a habit of the newly rich. . . . It is not strange that here and there a mother or aunt should be found desiring to pluck at least one brand from the burning."

The fact is, as one can easily learn by reading and inquiry, that New York city is very largely a place of illicit assignation. Its wealthy classes and their resorts are as whitened sepulchres. It is told of the "vacation" taking New Yorkers that when they visit Paris they, both men and women, go to places—and see sights of immorality—rendered attractive that the average Parisian scarcely knows the existence of. The French comment on this. It begins to look as if the New Yorkers may be on the eve of a good deal of an investigation into their moral conduct. If so, people will do well to hold their noses. The lid has been coming off of other sins, and we need not be surprised if the lid comes off of city immorality, which is becoming one of the worst stench emitted by modern capitalist civilization.

There is a dog-eat-dog aspect to capitalist lid lifting, for it has brought in many dollars to various magazines and periodicals, enabling some of them to coin money hand over fist where they would otherwise go to the bankruptcy court. And so capitalism may easily turn upon itself on the immorality question. And if it does, Stead's "If Christ Came to Chicago," and Congressman Howard's "If Christ came to Congress," will read like fairy tales beside the full truth that will be laid bare. And also some people who do not now see it will begin to realize to what an extent prostitution is a prop of the capitalist system.

According to the Bookman, which is considered an authority on the subject, "The Jungle" is selling now at the rate of one thousand a day, and is leading all other books.

The following is the vote in the second precinct of the Twentieth ward, Milwaukee, for mayor, as recorded by the voting machine in the recent Spring election:

Arnold, Socialist, 309.
Becker, Rep., 250.
Rose, Dem., 167.
Viethaler, DeLeonite, 0.

There are known to be three DeLeonites living in the precinct and our inspectors saw two of these vote in the forenoon. The third DeLeonite is a fellow named Frank Wilke, who is also practically all there is tangible of the I. W. W. in Milwaukee, its main trickster in fact. When Wilke came in to vote he undoubtedly had had no opportunity to talk matters over with the other two we have referred to. He went back of the curtain and shortly after the bell on the machine showed that he had voted. But when the register on the back of the machine was opened at the close of the day, lo! not one vote was recorded for the DeLeonite candidate for mayor in that precinct—the party was so much reduced that it had no ward candidates up. What did this mean? Simply that Wilke and his two henchmen had all voted for capitalist candidates in the hopes that their votes might help to defeat the Socialists. Evidently each thought the two others would vote straight and that the machine

would not therefore give away his political class-consciousness! This is a very good sample of DeLeonite and I. W. W. methods—a stench in the nostrils of all decent men and an injury to the working class.

The honesty of the Industrial Worker is shown by its malicious persistence in republishing an alleged statement of the recent mayoralty candidate of the Social-Democrats in Milwaukee with regard to the business interests. It is taken from a newspaper report and is full of the misrepresentations and errors that off-hand newspaper reports are apt to contain. This is Editor A. S. Edwards' way of showing his comradeship toward his old Milwaukee associates.

Local Omaha having failed to obtain sufficient endorsements to its proposition to submit to a national referendum vote the question of endorsing the so-called Industrial Workers of the World as the whole cheese, Local New Orleans is going to make an effort to resolute everybody into the I. W. W. Listen to this: "All political parties are but the reflex of economic classes" (wonderful discovery), therefore, "political solidarity of the working class is impossible unless based upon the industrial solidarity of said class." Great heads! The workmen who are members of no union and stand for the Socialist party are therefore not solidified. Great bumps!—Cleveland Citizen.

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"Blow, blow, ye winds, with heavier gust!
And freeze, thou bitter-biting frost!
Descend, ye chilly, smothering snows!
Not all your rage, as now united, shows
More hard unkindness, unrelenting,
Vengeful malice unrepenting,
Than heaven-illumined man on
Another man bestows!"

"See stern Oppression's iron grip,
Or mad Ambition's gory band,
Sending, like blood-hounds from the ship,
Woe, Want, and Murder o'er a land!
Even in the peaceful rural vale,
Truth, weeping, tells the mournful tale,
How pamper'd Luxury, Flattery by her side,

The parasite empoisoning her ear,
With all the servile wretches in the rear,
Looks o'er her proud Property, extended wide;
And eyes the simple rustic hind,
Whose toil upholds the glittering snows!
A creature of another kind,
Some coarse, substance unchanged,
Placed for her lordly use thus far,
Thus vile below.

"Where, where is Love's fond, tender three,
With lordly Honour's lofty brow,
The powers you proudly own?
Is there, beneath Love's noble name,
Can harbour dark the selfish aim,
To bless himself alone?
Mark maiden innocence a prey
To love-pretending snares:
This boasted Honour turns away,
Shunning soft Pity's rising way,
Regardless of the tears and unavailing prayers!
Perhaps this hour, in misery's squalid nest,
She strains your infant to her joyless breast,

And with a mother's fears shrinks at the rocking blast!

"O ye who, sunk in beds of down,
Feel not a want but what your selves create,
Think for a moment on his wretched fate
Whom friends and fortune quite disown!
Ill satisfied keen nature's clamorous call,
Stretched on his straw he lays himself to sleep,
While through the ragged roof and chinky wall,
Chill o'er his slumbers piles the drifts of heap!

Think on the dungeon's grim confine!
Guilt, erring man, relenting view!
But shall thy legal rage pursue
The wretch, already crushed low
By cruel Fortune's undeserved blow?
Affliction's sons are Frothers in distress,
A brother to relieve, how exquisite the bliss!"

GLEANINGS FROM BUSY FIELDS.



IN YANKEE LAND

Farmers' unions in the South are co-operating politically with our party.

The Socialist convention of Nebraska will be held Aug. 15, in Carpenters hall, Lincoln.

The national convention of the Polish Socialists will be held in New York, September 2.

Comrade Wilshire wants to debate with Bryan again, and this time offers \$10,000 for the "privilege."

Comrade W. S. Dalton of Salt Lake City has been nominated for circuit court judge by the Utah Socialists.

Chicago Socialists have completed arrangements to issue the Socialist as a daily during the closing days of the campaign, beginning with October 25.

Hereafter we will have the vapors of the dippy editor of the Referendum in readable type, although the spelling and the grammar will be as atrocious as ever. Let us be thankful for even this small gain.

The man Parks, who helped to break down the official movement in Kansas, and to wreck its official

paper, some time ago, is devoting his time to the I. W. W. out West. The I. W. W. is certainly welcome to him.

We wish some of our Socialists who have gone daffy after the new will-o'-the-wisp: the idea that Socialism is no good and that we must make our main fight on the industrial field to overthrow capitalism, instead of on the political field where the workers have the preponderance of votes, and who are also childishly mouthing that DeLeonite coinage about the impossibility of "boring from within," we say we wish they could be brought to Milwaukee. We would take some satisfaction in rubbing their noses against some facts that would open their eyes as to the only true trade union policy for Socialists to follow.

In Milwaukee where the labor movement (as the editor of the Industrial Worker, from former observation knows, even if it is bread and butter to him not to admit it) is to all intents and purposes Socialistic and where our party has a working class strength as nowhere else, the "boring from within" principle has absolutely won out. Our Milwaukee movement is so strong with votes of A. F. of L. members who are Socialists that we gave Debs a larger vote in the city in 1904 than Parker got! And this has been done in spite of the intrigues of the local DeLeonite remnant. Yet even to-day, as Veal of Chicago wrote the People, the I. W.



ACROSS THE POND

The Italian Socialist party has 1,400 sections with a total of 40,000 members.

The Socialist co-operative Society of Belgium, the Voruit, celebrated its 25th birthday, July 25.

The following letter has been transmitted by Comrade Huysmans, Sec'y of the International Socialist Bureau:

Paris, July 23, 1906.

"Dear Comrade Huysmans: This letter is a post-dictum, a practical conclusion to the proposition of intervention against war, of the interparliamentary Socialist organization, voted by the Conference at London. I ask you formally in the event of menace of German or Austrian interference in Russia, follow me."

W. is itching to make an onslaught on Milwaukee in order to break down this condition. It has already started in to do this at St. Louis, where much the same kind of situation exists as at Milwaukee, and it counts on the well-meaning but easily led will-o'-the-wisp chasers round the country to back it up in this unholy wrecking work. Honest Socialists would do well to pause and think.

LABOR POLITICS MUST BE RIGHT POLITICS

Wisconsin Labor's Reply (slightly abbreviated) to the Request of the A. F. of L. to Take a Hand in the Selection of Congressmen.

To the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor:— MILWAUKEE, WIS., AUG. 8, 1906.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—The American Federation of Labor Campaign Programme was received shortly after the close of our state convention, and later submitted to the newly-elected Executive Board. The Executive Board, together with the Committee of the Federated Trades Council, of Milwaukee, instructed me to say that the joint meeting has carefully observed the contents of your communication, and has directed me to state its opinion in the following language:—

The Joint Meeting hails with satisfaction the position of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in its new attitude, calling to political action the wage-workers of our country to "unite (as you advise) at the polls at every election," in order that they may participate in governmental affairs to relieve the many wrongs perpetrated on them.

The Joint Meeting further is most emphatic in its desire that your Executive Council continues to advise to the wage-workers "that they can not maintain their rights, or a progressive position in the varying phases of modern society, unless they organize and exercise all those functions, which, as workmen and citizens, it is their privilege and their duty to exercise."

Upon your suggestion to central bodies and local unions to proceed without delay to the election of delegates to meet in conference or convention to formulate plans to further the interests of this movement and to nominate candidates who will unquestionably stand for the enactment into law of "labor and progressive measure," the Joint Meeting has instructed me to advise you that, owing to the expense and the small numerical strength of nearly all the unions outside of Milwaukee, to bring about, even a fair representative assemblage of union men, at this time (immediately after the closing of the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, where delegates were present from all the trade union organizations, belonging to the Wisconsin State Federation, having at their disposal sufficient funds to defray the expense of a delegate) would be no easy task.

The Joint Meeting is of the opinion, that if such a convention was called that it would "degenerate into a scramble for public office," because of the fact that our movement outside of this large industrial center is rather young in experience, especially in matters of progressive political action.

The Joint Meeting notes your advice to endorse political candidates, and in answer thereto points to the experience of organized labor, in the past, at this game, which has proven most unsatisfactory. In fact, to such an extent was this true, that organized labor at this moment can not refer without blushing to the time when it endorsed and elected union men, hanging on for office to the tail end of the old political parties.

And card men now in the field for public office outside of the Social-Democratic party, have limited their promises to a promise to consult business interests only if elected.

The Joint Meeting also notes what is stated in the American Federation of Labor Campaign Programme, "where a congressman or state legislator has proven himself a true friend to the rights of labor, he should be supported and no candidate nominated against him."

As this state, in the political and the economic labor movement, always has been several paces ahead of the movements in the sister states, this declaration on your part is perfectly covered and adhered to by the political labor movement in Wisconsin thus far, all the candidates elected by the bona-fide political labor movement—the Social-Democratic Party—have proven absolutely loyal to the cause of labor, in other words, true to the party platform, which contains all that a progressive union man can hope for at the present time.

Union men with paid-up cards, experience, and clean records have always the preference of candidacy in this party, and where such are not obtainable, men have been selected who have proven true to the political and economic interests of the wage-workers.

This party, it may also be stated, was called into existence to serve the class interests of the wage-workers, and has within its government the utmost democracy, and if participated in by all the wage-earners of the state, Wisconsin would now be on the verge of securing such relief at legislation as is generally desired.

Our State Federation is not a partisan organization, but advises all union members and wage-workers generally to support the party nearest their class interests.

Despite the fact, that the document you send conveys the impression that your Executive Council intends to foster individualism instead of partyism in politics, we entertain the hope that you recognize the various class interests in society. Let us, then, to one undisputable fact:—

During campaigns the candidates of the possessing and employing classes, when bidding for the votes of the wage-workers, appear to be in a race to outdo each other in their promises to serve all the people, but when the political smoke has drifted away and the candidates-elect assemble in the legislature, we do not find the same scramble to serve all the people! With rare exceptions, we have found them all against us.

Then, what have we experienced? Simply this, that when a legislature is called to order, or, maybe, long before that time, the legislators are divided on lines of class interest, minus the working class, who are left outdoors to hope in vain.

Of course, there is very much so-called good fellowship in such a body until the votes are cast.

In conclusion, we say, that in carrying out your political campaign programme, we fear its influence will have a strong tendency to create disruption and dissension in the ranks of organized labor. In our state, the past experiences at politics have conclusively proven that whenever, or wherever organized labor was induced or influenced in any manner to take part in politics other than such as were based strictly on the principle of the class interests of the wage-earners, strife and disruption have been the result in the ranks of organized labor. And we can state without contradiction that all intelligent wage-earners are disgusted with any political proposition which is based on personality or compromises. We remain,

Joint Meeting, WISCONSIN STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR and
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lowing upon the dissolution of the Douma, appearing to become a reality and to put in danger with the Russian revolution the International Peace, to consider as actual the case foreseen by the double resolution of Brussels (March 1906) and the London (July 1906) and to summon immediately at Brussels the International Socialist Bureau and the Interparliamentary Socialist Conference, to take the necessary steps of labor and Socialist intervention, national and international. At the present time, the possibility of German intervention, is only a matter of doubtful rumor and it is even denied in different quarters, but it would be imprudent not to take account of and not to watch, with a critical and attentive eye, the course of events.

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Ohio.

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Local Labor Notes.

Bro. Thomas Feeley returned
this week from the big Teamsters'
convention in Chicago. He thinks
the split that took place there will
not amount to very much.Business Agent W. J. Ehrenfort,
of the Bakers and Confectioners,
reports the Milwaukee union baker
shops in pretty fair condition from
the standpoint of cleanliness. The
Bakers welcome any effort the au-
thorities may make to better the
conditions under which they have to
work.Still another injunction! This
time it is an injunction against all
kinds of violence, restraint of trade
and picketing by Court Commis-
sioner Hugh Ryan in favor of the
National Brake and Electric com-
pany against Iron Molders' unions
Nos. 125, 331, 446 and 375. J. R.
O'Leary, vice-president of the in-
ternational union, and William
Schwab, local business agent, are
mentioned in the petition as leaders
of the union men in restraining
their business so that the damage
since May 7 has amounted to \$10,000.The International Typographical
Union is in session at Colorado
Springs, Colo., this week, and locals
members are looking with interest
for the reports of the big meeting.The most important matter be-
fore the convention is the discus-
sion of plans for continuing the
strike for the eight-hour day, in
which so many victories have al-
ready been won.

General Labor Notes.

Among the congressmen who are
singled out by the A. F. of L. of-
ficials for retirement are Littlefield,
of Maine, who will be the first ob-
ject of the Federation's attack at
the state election in September;
Speaker Cannon, Republican floor
leader Payne, Representative Dal-
zell, of Pennsylvania; Chas. Landis,
of Indiana; Representative Jenkins,
of Wisconsin, chairman of the ju-
diciary committee which killed the
anti-injunction bill; Representative
Parker, of New Jersey, chief an-
tagonist of the anti-injunction bill
in the judiciary committee.The bitter struggle between the
unions and the forty companies in
the Southeastern Ohio operators
combine is over at last. The men
returned to work this week on the
1903 scale with slight modifications
and union recognition. Thousands
of dollars were spent by the op-
erators, scores of strike-breakers and
guards were imported to break
the union, several men were killed
and wounded and the open shop
fanatics the country over danced
with delight at the prospect of re-
viving pluck-me store and sweat-
shop conditions. But when the
operators learned that the unionsThe following letter has been
sent to Pres. Gompers of the A. F.
of L. relative to the request of the
Milwaukee Federated Trades
Council that the government make
no contract with the Milwaukee
Street Railway company for carry-
ing the mails, unless a clause is in-
serted in the contract whereby the
service will be inoperative during
such times as the road may be out
of service by reason of Labor
troubles:Mr. Samuel Gompers, Pres.,
American Federation of Labor,
Washington, D. C.
Sir: Replying to your communi-
cation of the 31st ultimo, in which
you call attention to a resolution
adopted by the Federated Trades
Council of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
with regard to the Milwaukee
Street Railway company carrying
the mail at Milwaukee, you are in-
formed that an application has been
made to the Department for the es-
tablishment of mail service upon
certain lines of the Milwaukee
street car system, and in accordance
with the usual practice, the Depart-
ment ordered its agent to make a
personal investigation of the con-
ditions with a view to determining
whether these lines could be used
to advantage in transporting mail.
When the report has been received
the matter will be given full con-
sideration with a view to a decision
that will be in the interest of the
public service.Very respectfully,
W. S. Shallenberger, Acting Post-
master General.It will be seen that the above let-
ter indicates nothing. There is reason
to believe that, inasmuch as
Postmaster Owen of Milwaukee is
an old protégé of the late Republi-
can trickster and street railway
manipulator, that the Milwaukee
street railway expects to get a mail
carrying contract by which it will
have the United States government
back of it in case of a strike. A
plaintiff federal judge could un-
doubtedly be found who would is-
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ery, and after their pocketbooks
were touched for goodly sums by
the open shop grafters and thugs
they began to get sense. The agree-
ment reads that the union is recog-
nized and the strike-breakers who
desire may join the organization,
but latest reports are that the trait-
ors couldn't get out of the district
fast enough when the guards were
withdrawn.The General Federation of
Trades in Great Britain held their
convention in Southampton and re-
elected Pete Curran president and
Isaac Mitchell secretary. There is
a move on to combine the Federa-
tion, the British Trades Congress
and the Labor Representation Com-
mittee to make a united stand in-
dustrially and politically.The Supreme Court of Washing-
ton has declared the eight-hour law
of that state constitutional. The
law was enacted in 1899. A local
Court upheld the law, the Supreme
Court annulled it and now the Su-
preme Court sustains the law.

As to Colgate & Co.

In order to bring about a speedy
and successful termination of the
eight-hour struggle of Typographi-
cal Union the Springfield Trades
and Labor Assembly has requested
many firms that use large space in
the non-union Woman's Home
Companion to withdraw their ads
when their contracts expire. In a
great many instances the request
has been complied with. The Col-
gate & Company, of 53-55 John St.,
New York City, manufacturers of
Talcum Powder, not only refused
to withdraw their ad but renewed
their contract for advertising space
after they had been notified. The
Colgate Company depends to a
great extent on the barbers for the
sale of their goods.The Springfield Trades and La-
bor Assembly has placed Colgate &
Company on the unfair list, which
action has been endorsed by the
Central Labor Union of St. Louis
and others.

Appeal for Moral Support.

The long and bitter fight is still
waging between the Watch Case
Engravers' International and the
Keystone Watch case Co., of Phila-
delphia, Pa., manufacturers of the
Jas. Boss Case, details of which
have been given to Union men from
time to time, and also the following
manufacturers who are on the un-
fair list, and we don't patronize list
of the American Federation of La-
bor:Keystone Watch Case Co., of
Philadelphia, Pa.
T. Zurburg Watch Case Co., of
Riverside, N. J.
Crescent Watch Case Co., of
Newark, N. J.
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Sag Harbor, N. Y.
Wadsworth Watch Case Co., of
Dayton, Ky.These unfair firms locked out
their engravers about five years
ago, they will not recognize a union
man; they have scorned adjust-
ment and even refused arbitration,
and have also resorted to all kinds
of schemes to disrupt the union.Resolutions on Trade Unions
Passed by last National Socialist
Convention.The trade and labor union move-
ment is a natural result of the capi-
talist system of production and is
necessary to resist the encroach-
ments of capitalism. It is a weapon
to protect the class interests of la-
bor under the capitalist system.
However, this industrial struggle
can only lessen the exploitation, but
it cannot abolish it. The exploita-
tion of labor will cease only when
the working class shall own all the
means of production and distribu-
tion. To achieve this end the work-
ing class must consciously be-
come the dominant political power.
The organization of the workers
will not be complete until they unite
on the political as well as the in-
dustrial field on the lines of the
class struggle.The trade union struggle cannot
attain lasting success without the
political activity of the Socialist
party. The workers must fortify
and permanently secure by their po-
litical power that they wring from
their exploiters in the economic
struggle. In accordance with the
decisions of the International So-
cialist Congresses in Brussels, Zu-
rich and London, this convention
reaffirms the declaration that the
trade and labor unions are a nec-
essity in the struggle to aid in
emancipating the working class, and
we consider it the duty of all wage-
workers to join with this movement.Neither political nor other dif-
ferences of opinion justify the divi-
sion of the forces of labor in the
industrial movement. The interests
of the working class make it im-
perative that the labor organizations
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work of the abolition of wage
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GOEBEL'S TOUR. Comrade Goebel spent the week in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha, addressing the 20th ward picnic in Milwaukee last Sunday. The previous evening he spoke to an enraptured audience for two hours on the corner of National Ave. and Grove street. The remarkable thing about the audience was that it did not change. Those who started to listen at the beginning stood until the close. Comrade Goebel goes next Sunday to Beloit, where he will remain two days. Tuesday and Wednesday he will spend in Janesville, Thursday in Whitewater, and Friday and Saturday in Millard and New Glarus.

EASTERN WISCONSIN. Comrade Goebel, after his tour through the Eastern Counties of Wisconsin, has made a valuable suggestion. He proposes that a state organizer be employed just for the industrial centers of Eastern Wisconsin, to make his home in Green Bay, Fond du Lac, or some other central point, and spend his time in building up the party in this section of the state.

What do you think of the plan, comrades? Would you like to see a strong organization in the factory towns of Wisconsin?

THIENSVILLE. Comrades visiting the Harvest Festival to be held at Thiensville, Sunday, August 26, can easily reach the grounds. The railroad passes within two short blocks of the park. Music, games, races, and a ball in the evening, will make the day enjoyable. Alderman E. T. Melms will be the orator of the occasion.

GERMAN COMRADES. The State Board is arranging for a German speaker to make a tour through Wisconsin during the campaign. Applications for a speaker in the German language should be sent in at once. The state Board is having printed 500 application blanks in German. We hope that they will soon come into use, and that the German Branches will be greatly enlarged as a result of our German Orator's trip.

ASHLAND. The Ashland comrades have a good opportunity to increase their vote this year. The Democrats do not have a full ticket in the field and will undoubtedly fuse with the Republicans. This

gives the Social-Democrats a good chance to get in their propaganda work.

WAUPACA COUNTY. Comrade R. F. Matthews of Waupaca writes "Whenever there is another speaker coming this way, make arrangements for him to speak at Portageville, as they would like to have a speaker there. Portageville is a small farming village, but there are three or four of our people there, and they say they can get a bunch of farmers." Thus, the agricultural districts are coming.

OGONTO COUNTY. As a result of Comrade Goebel's visit to Oconto, a new branch has been organized there, and granted a charter.

TWO RIVERS. Comrade Goebel writes: "I had an open air meeting here in Public park. I was warned that I would have an empty space around me for 150 feet, as the people would not come near. But it was not so. One of our men, an Alderman, got them to turn on the lights on the band stand in the park on the main street. Then I called out on different corners, and soon we had a fine crowd sitting on the grass and blocking the pavement, who stayed for two hours, and seemed to think it was good stuff. One man that knew his business in steady charge of this entire Shore district from Marinette and Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay to as far as Sheboygan, would see this section inside of two or three years riveted to the Social-Democratic party. And the district should be able to support such a man is a special effort was made to get pledges for that purpose. Such a man would spend in turn a week or more in the various places, and now and then would act as advance agent, showing the comrades how to bring in outside speakers and make money at the same time, and in time would develop workers at each point."

MILWAUKEE.

The Vorwaerts Singing Society has arranged for the annual picnic at Gruenwald's Park, 32nd st. and Fond du Lac avenue, Sunday Aug. 26. Anyone wishing to spend an enjoyable day will please take notice and attend this picnic without fail.

Branches take notice! Please do not make any conflicting dates for the monster minstrel performance which has been arranged for the following dates: Humboldt Turner Hall, Nov. 17; South Side Armory Hall, Nov. 24. Rahn Frei Turner Hall, Dec. 1; South Side Turner hall, Dec. 8.

The 19th and 20 Ward Branches held very successful picnics last Sunday. The former at Gruenwald's Park and the latter at National Grove.

Comrade Geo. Goebel spoke to a large audience at National ave. and Grove st., last Saturday night.

The Carpenters Union No. 1053 (millwrights) will hold their annual picnic at National Grove, corner of 38th and National ave. Sunday, August 26. On this occasion they will also have the opportunity to dedicate their new Banner. The carpenters of No. 1053 have also been a progressive trades union and we wish them every success on this occasion.

The 20th Ward Branch has secured Rahn Frei Turner Hall for a monster prize mask ball, Saturday, Jan. 26, 1907.

The 13th Ward Branch has secured Humboldt Turner Hall for a prize mask ball, Saturday Jan. 26, 1906.

The comrades of the 17th ward branch are arranging a harvest fest at Huelbeck's hall, foot of Howell ave., for Saturday, September 8. Tickets are being placed on sale and everything indicates a successful event.

Sunday, Aug. 26, will be a red letter day in Mequon, Wis. The Social-Democrats of that place are hard at work making the first annual picnic a sweeping success. Comrade E. T. Melms, candidate for Congress in the 4th district will be the speaker on this occasion.

All comrades who wish to spend a Sunday with their families in one of the most beautiful spots on the Milwaukee River where boating, bathing and fishing can be enjoyed, should not fail to attend this picnic. Train leaves at North avenue station at 8.45 A. M. and returns leaving Mequon at 3 P. M. Round trip 50 cents. Give the Mequon comrades a boost, and yourself an ideal outing. Mequon Turn Hall, which is located in the park will be used for dancing on this occasion. Therefore don't miss it, comrades. The branches are going to place their orders for literature in the near future.

Never forget, and always bear in mind the basket picnic arranged by the West Allis comrades at National Grove, 38th and National aves. Sunday, Sept. 2. Admission 1.00 per family including all refreshments.

The Social-Democratic branches of the 4th congressional district are planning a red hot campaign in the assembly districts as well as in the congressional district this fall.

The employees of the W. & B. Cigar Co. slugged in \$5.00 on this campaign fund last week. Good for the boys down there. Donations of this kind whop them up some.

County Central will hold a special meeting Monday evening at Giljohan's Hall, 274 West Water street.

Last, but not least, the 10th ward picnic, Sunday, Aug. 26, at Rack's park, cor. of 27th and Lisbon ave., will give them all a run. A large advertising program has been issued, six hundred tickets have been sold. Comrade A. J. Welch, candidate for congress in the 5th district will be the orator of the day, a grand concert by May's band and a vaudeville, together with games, will constitute the program for the afternoon, while a grand ball will take place in the evening. The comrades of the 10th ward certainly need a boost, so therefore, let the war cry for August the 26th be Onward to Rack's Park, to the 10th ward picnic. Everybody invited to enjoy a good time.

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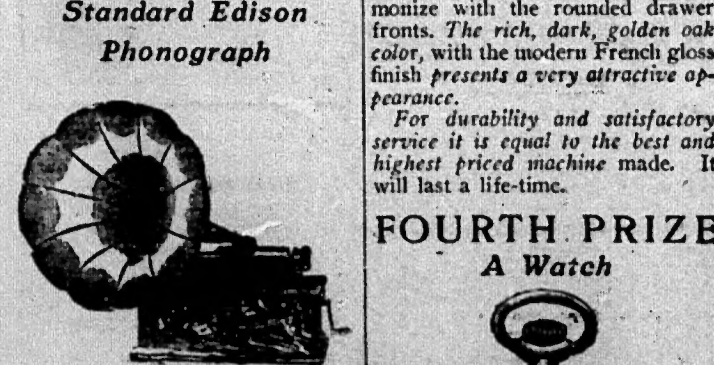
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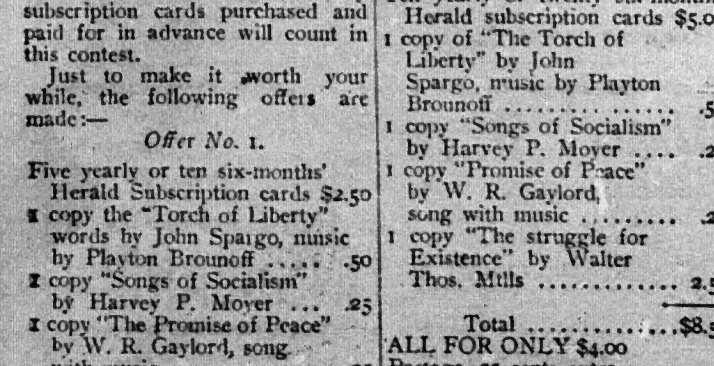
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NEENAH. From Neenah

Comrade Goebel writes: "I held a meeting at 8 and stopped at 10, and had a fine audience, and fine treatment, with frequent applause, which shows Neenah is ripe like every place, and the whole trouble lack of organization."

BELOIT. Local Beloit, which for some time has been disorganized, on account of the labor troubles in that town, has now organized with a fine list of earnest workers. A charter has been sent them, and we are expecting good work from the local.

WHITEWATER. Whitewater Comrades, as usual, are earnestly at work. They are now busily engaged in advertising and arranging for Comrade Goebel's meeting next week. By the way, we should like to call the attention of the comrades to the article in last week's HERALD, over the signature of Moses Hull of Whitewater. The suggestion had been made that this article shall be translated into German, and put into a leaflet.

E. H. Thomas, State Sec'y.

Wisconsin State Board.

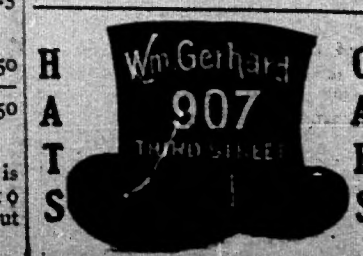
The State Board met Aug. 12, with all resident members present except E. Seidel, V. L. Berger and C. D. Thompson. A bill of \$58.68 was granted to C. D. Thompson for salary and expenses. Charters were granted to Beloit and Oconto. The resignation of J. Reichert as state treasurer was laid over till next meeting. The Board voted to print 500 application blanks in German. The state secretary was instructed to communicate in regard to get? A speaker for the state for the last weeks of the campaign. The plan proposed by C. D. Thompson in regard to tour of W. R. Gaylord was approved. The board voted to give special attention during the campaign to those assembly districts where there is a chance of electing Social-Democratic members of legislature.

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- SUNDAY, Aug. 19. Aurora Band. Basket Picnic. Heim's Grove, cor. 30th and Lincoln aves.
- SUNDAY, Aug. 26. Annual Picnic 10th Ward Branch. Rack's Grove, cor. 27th St. and Lisbon ave.
- Vorwaerts Singing Society. Picnic at Gruenwald's Park, cor. 32nd st. and Fond du Lac Ave.
- Thiensville Branch, Mequon Park. Annual Picnic. Thiensville Wis.
- SUNDAY, September 2. West Allis Branch. National Grove, cor. 38th and National Aves.
- SUNDAY, Sept. 30. Grand Entertainment and Ball. 2nd Ward Branch. North Side Turner Hall.
- SATURDAY, Oct. 13. Socialist Maennerchor. Liedertafel Hall, cor. 7th and Prairie sts.
- SUNDAY, OCT. 28. Grand Entertainment and Ball. 9th Ward Branch. North Side Turner Hall.
- SATURDAY, Oct. 21. 13th

Total dues, \$295.35
Receipts for picnic 100.00
From Literary Agency 5.00
Sale of Buttons 12.75
Sale of Leaflets 1.62

Total receipts \$414.72
Paid J. Reichert, Treasurer 405.72
Cash on hand July 31. 46.44

H. H. Thomas, State Sec'y.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Following are the meetings to be held by the various branches next week.

- TUESDAY EVENING. 15th Ward Branch, 1830 Vli.
- WEDNESDAY EVENING. 16th Ward Branch, Eckelman's hall, 3109 Lisbon ave.
- THURSDAY EVENING. 12th Ward Branch, Hoeft's hall, 661 Kimmickinnic ave.
- Polish Section, Olsowski's hall, 777 7th ave.
- 17th Ward Branch, Odd Fellows

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2nd. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 4th and Chestnut sts. Fred Koll, 373 Sheridan Lane, Sec'y.

3rd. Ward Branch meets every 1st Wednesday of the month, at 221 Wisconsin st. E. T. Melms, 600½ Lapham st., Sec'y.

4th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month at 190 8th st. Jos. Saltsire, 517 Grand st. Sec'y.

5th. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00 P. M., at 382 Washington st. Fred. Witte, 269 Greenhush st., Sec'y.

6th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 504 4th st. John L. Reisse, 612 3rd st., Sec'y.

7th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 256 East Water st. John Eder, 350 East Water st., Sec'y.

8th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 8:00 P. M. at Mann's hall, corner Mineral st. and 4th ave. G. H. Poor, 378 6th ave., Sec'y.

9th. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1216 Cherry st. R. Schuffenhauer, 499 8th st., Sec'y.

10th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Wisconsin hall, 12th and Lee sts. P. E. Keller, 814 14th st., Sec'y.

11th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Wisconsin hall, 12th and Lee sts. Frank Navak, 1723 North ave., Sec'y.

12th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Bulgryn's hall, cor. 9th ave. and Orchard st. Jos. Corlies, 518 Grove st., Sec'y.

13th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Hoff's hall, 951 Kinickinnick st. Wm. Aldridge, 956 Robinson ave., Sec'y.

14th. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at cor. 3rd and Wright sts. Henry Tectzen, 906 Holton st., Sec'y.

15th. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Schaeht's hall, 12th and Lincoln aves. Jack Reidenbach, 776 6th ave., Sec'y.

16th. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1412 Chestnut st. Chas. Zainer, 1812 Cold Spring ave., Sec'y.

17th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 38 20th st. Jerome Underhill, 38 20th st., Sec'y.

18th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Odd Fellows hall, cor. Potter and Kinickinnick aves. Christ Dunn, 255 Robinson st., Sec'y.

19th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 400 Cramer st. Cor. Greenwish st. E. W. Butts, 487 Cramer st., Sec'y.

20th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Eckelmann's hall, 3109 Lishon ave. Louis Baier, 453 20th st., Sec'y.

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22nd. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Raschig's hall, cor. Buffum and Chambers sts. Every 4th Tuesday of the month at Gaethke's hall, 1432 Greenbay ave., near Concordia ave. Chas. Kanter, 1432 9th st., Sec'y.

23rd. Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Nic. Petersen's hall, 2714 North ave. Geo. Moerschel, 912 37th st., Sec'y.

24th. Ward Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Frank Korsch's hall, 489 11th ave. F. W. Rehfeld, 623 American ave.

Town of Milwaukee Branch meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Nash and Kent aves. (Formerly 'Lehmann's hall') Adolph Schultz, R. 7, Sta. C, Town of Milwaukee, Wis.

Town of Greenfield Branch meets every 1st Thursday of the month at H. Stark's hall, 1116 Lapham st. P. Blumh, 734 25th ave., Sec'y.

Cudahy Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at Scheinbeil's hall, Cudahy, Wis. W. E. Powell, Sec'y.

South Milwaukee Branch meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the residence of O. Peiganda, Sec'y, So. Milwaukee.

Layton Park Branch meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at Dietrich's hall, cor. 24th and Lincoln aves. P. Blumh, 734 25th ave.

Town of Lake Branch meets every 1st Tuesday of the month at Geo. Eichlehn's residence, 240 Highland ave. Chas. V. Schnusler, 287 Oaklahoma ave., Sec'y.

Jewish Branch No. 1, Milwaukee, meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 P. M. at 427 4th st. J. Weinstein, 453 3rd st., Sec'y.

Town of Wauwatosa Branch No. 1, meets every 1st Tuesday of the month at Hentschler's hall 29th and Grand ave. A. Schroeder, Sec'y.

Finnish Branch of Milwaukee meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the Socialist Home, 382 Washington st. Mr. Tuhkannen, 756 Dover st., Sec'y.

South Side Polish Section meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Olshewski's hall, 777 7th ave. S. M. Sokolowski, 859 Midland ave., Sec'y.

County Central Branch meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Glihosn's hall, 274 W. Water st. Carl P. Dietz, 718 16th st., Sec'y.

Women's Branches. Meetings in the afternoon.

South Side Woman's Branch meets every 2nd and last Wednesday in the month at the Socialist's home, 382 Washington st. Mrs. C. Germain, 505 Walker st., Sec'y.

West Side Woman's Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2 P. M., at Petersen's hall, 2714 North ave. Mrs. C. Menzie, 770 29th st., Sec'y.

East Side Woman's Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at F. Lock's hall, 327 Sherman st. Mrs. T. H. Ramsthal, 609 Booth st., Sec'y.

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SHAMEFUL ACTIVITY.

In the mind of man the "court preacher" is set down as a lower type of manhood than the court jester, or fool. The fool had some latitude. He could even crack a joke at the expense of the king himself, and the king felt called to join in the laughter, and even to lead it. That was in the olden days, when people believed in feudal kings. They do not believe in feudal kings today, but we have kings just the same—financial kings—and though the likeness is disguised, these kings also have their fools and their court preachers.

The king's fool today is the subsidized capitalist editor (the Chicago Chronicle staff gives us a classic illustration of this) and the court preacher bobs up in the guise of a "People's" pulpit pastor, pretending to speak in the name and in the interests of the people, but in reality kept—in all the ugliness of the modernized meaning of that word—by some capitalist or corporation having a public ax to grind.

OF ALL SPECIMENS CHALLENGING THE CONTEMPT OF MEN, THIS MODERNIZED COURT PREACHER, THIS BLASPHEMY ON THE PURITY AND GUILTESSNESS OF THE NAZARENE, THIS PROSTITUTOR OF ALL THAT IS SACRED AND NOBLE, MAY BE SET DOWN AS THE MOST DETESTABLE.

Milwaukee has an approach to this sort of thing in the Rev. Thomas H. Barr, court preacher to Charles Pfister, and the big graft interests, seemingly. He has been given free board and keep at the Hotel Pfister and has used the rostrum of the "People's" pulpit for the purpose of preaching sermons extolling the grafter interests in general and Boss Pfister in particular. On several occasions he burst forth in rhapsodies over the public spirit of Pfister and Beggs in their hard work to save the First National Bank from a disastrous run when Pfister's old pal, Frank Bigelow, was discovered to have been milking that institution to the tune of a few millions of dollars. Barr indicated that gratitude for that act of "public spirit" should put the mantle of charity over all the other sundry acts of the Pfister corporations in their franchises and hold-ups of the people of Milwaukee. It was fine public spirit, of course!

But their only thought of the public at that time was fear that the people would wake up and overturn all their sacred vested rights. And their interest in keeping confidence in the bank was simply to prevent a panic that would sweep down some of their financial card houses.

How can we give Barr the benefit of the doubt in such a matter. Is it conceivable that he could have mistaken their private and personal worry and action for any thing approaching public concern? A man who can make a success of the "People's" pulpit game is not so foolish as all that.

And now Barr bobs up again, and this time in a still more unenviable light. The district attorney of Milwaukee county, McGovern, has been putting the grafters on the rack.

It is true he has only been able to get the smaller culprits—to only scratch the surface of Milwaukee's shame, as the grand jury put it—but we have to admit that he has done good work as far as he has been able to go, considering all the obstacles plutocracy has thrown in his path. Of course the street railway has not been brought to book for that morgue site deal, and other big men, who are pretty well known to have bought legislation right and left and to have been the leaders in the corruption of the representatives of the people in the council and court; board have not been caught, still the district attorney's office has done good work.

It is no wonder therefore that the graft fraternity, big and little, are yelling for a "square deal," and that there has already been gotten together a big pot of money, made up of contributions from big and little crooks to try to down McGovern in the primaries of the Republican party.

They have picked on a young justice court lawyer named Boden to serve their ends and have helped him put out big posters, COSTING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, to put a "square deal," hoping that the ignorant voter will not know what this means and vote for Boden thinking he means thereby an honest enforcement of law.

It is their one chance. The only way they can get freedom for those of their number who have been caught is to get possession of the district attorney's office. A district attorney who would only prosecute the graft cases in a half-hearted way and lose the cases would mean a good deal to the grafters.

And besides Boden is known to be hostile to the Social Democrats and might use the office to throw the Social Democrats into prison. The grafters do not like the Social Democrats, for the whole graft exposure was due to a quickened public conscience brought about by our agitations.

So the game to get possession of the district attorney's office is a desperate one—it is a game to save the little grafters already caught, to protect the big grafters who are afraid they may be caught and to restore the good old times when grafting was safe and brought in millions—and so every resource of capitalism is being brought forth to achieve this end.

And thus Barr comes into the case. Everything but religion had been prostituted to this unholy cause. "Little Tommy Tucker sing for your supper!" In an effort to use every possible resource Barr is trotted out and made to sing. His song appeared in an afternoon paper of the past week, and he does his level best to help in the fight for possession of the district attorney's office. Neither the Reformers nor the Social Democrats suit him. The office should be in "safe" hands. Pretty disgraceful work for a preacher!

And thus endeth the third lesson!

"I stand on my record," declares Congressman Babcock. Well, do as you choose, but see that you wipe your feet afterward.

That old slander spread by priest and politician about the Socialist being against the purity of the home has been punctured a good many times, but it got a bad one in Milwaukee at the last city council meeting. When it came to giving licenses to eleven of the dirtiest dives in the city the Social-Democratic aldermen without a single exception, voted against the places, and the Catholic aldermen, with only one exception, voted for them. This is rather a tough one on the arch-bishop's contemplated war on Socialism. The following are the Catholic aldermen who voted in favor of the dives:

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Capitalism needs the dives and the dives wreck the homes, and the Catholic aldermen almost to a man are on record in favor of the wrecking of the homes.

Brozek, the young man who swindled the city out of a big wad of money by forged sidewalk construction orders, has finally implicated L. P. Bellinghausen and Bookkeeper W. H. Schacht of the Board of Public Works, and Ward Foreman Skwierowski of the Eighteenth ward in his confession. The story as published in the daily press indicated pretty clearly that there were several mixed up in the swindle, and we suspect that there are still some names that Brozek is holding back. The exposure is a fine testimonial to the lack of system existing in the Board of Public Works.



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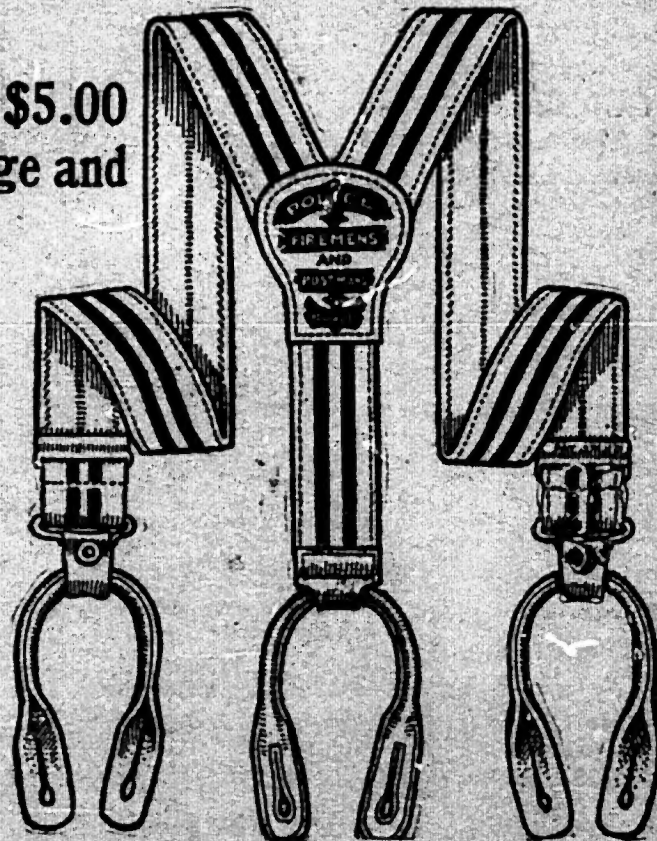
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For Treasurer, Paul F. Mueller.
For Sheriff, Willis E. Acker.
For Coroner, Herman Nahin.
For Clerk of Courts, Frederic Heath.
For District Attorney, William E. Thiel.
For Register of Deeds, John J. Handley.
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AT THE THEATERS.

BIJOU THEATER.

Chas. E. Blaney's splendid military play, "Across the Pacific," returns to the Bijou, Sunday, Aug. 26, for the opening of the season at the Bijou. The play, while military in character, is a comedy-drama of incidents. There are scenes in Montana; the Chinese quarter in San Francisco, a Chinese restaurant and opium den; a dock scene with the U. S. Transport "City of Pekin" about to depart for Manila; a camp scene and interior of a block-house in the Philippines. All are portrayed faithfully and vividly. The Blaney shows never degenerate, nor are allowed to travel on past reputation. Those who have seen it before will enjoy it again, and a new patron is a new friend.

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